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DNC DRAINING NOTES

24 June 1954

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FRANCE'S INDOCHINA POLICY

I. French Premier firm on achieving "satisfactory cease-fire" by 30 July.

A. Obtained Assembly majority largely due promise to resign if fails.

B. Knows his main interest—economic reform—depends on settlement:

1. Program impossible while war drain continues.

2. Needs prestige of settlement to get program through.

II. Plans for negotiations:

A. He will conduct them personally:

1. Met Chen at Bern yesterday as first step.

B. Hopes current nine-power discussions

will lead to agreement permitting

foreign ministers return Geneva

by 12 July.

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C. His terms not clear.

1. Laniel fears he may trade
EDC for minor concessions.

D. This connection, reported Cabinet
line-up on EDC (Info. Date: April)-

1. More than 1/3 pro-EDC.
 - a. Faure, Guerin de Beaumont,
however, have publicly
favored delay or modifi-
cation since report date.
2. Less than 1/4 opposed.
3. 1/3 undecided.

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